

Response to Restriction Requirement

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REMARKS

The Applicant has elected Group IV drawn to claims of 40, 41, 47, and 48, and related to a system of self scheduling having two sets of rules, one applicable to a group of healthcare providers and one applicable to individual healthcare providers, both of which must be satisfied.

A dependency error was corrected in claim 48.

The remaining claims have been withdrawn and some new defendant claims have been added, all dependent on the claims of Group IV. These claims are related to some of the withdrawn claims as follows:

new claims 49-51 correspond generally to claims 35-37;

new claim 52 correspond generally to claim 38;

new claim 53 correspond generally to claim 39;

new claims 55-57 correspond generally to claims 42-44;

new claim 58 correspond generally to claim 45; and

new claim 59 correspond generally to claim 46.

Two new claims 54 and 60 address the use of an integrated medical record holding the scheduling information.

It is believed that these claims may be properly admitted as dependent on the elected Group because they describe specific implementations of the rules of the elected Group.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or would like to discuss the election.

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